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SUBJECT: DELHI MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

REF: NEW DELHI 8660

1. WE HAVE BEEN REVIEWING THE SCHEDULE OF VARIOUS MEETINGS
TENTATIVELY PROPOSED FOR DELHI FOR NOVEMBER. WE REALIZE
THAT THESE WILL POSE A HEAVY WORKLOAD BUT HOPE THAT, WITH
THE MODIFICATIONS NOTED BELOW, A REASONABLE SCHEDULE RESULTS.

A. WORKING GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL INPUTS. GOI HAS PROPOS-
ED THIS GROUP MEET NOVEMBER 15-16. WE WOULD PREFER A MEET-
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ING IN DELHI IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH. FOR THIS REA-
SON, AS WELL AS HEAVY SCHEDULE IN NOVEMBER, EMBASSY SHOULD
SEEK GOI AGREEMENT TO FEBRUARY - MARCH MEETING.

B. INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY WORKING GROUP. YOU MAY INFORM
GOI WE CAN AGREE, TENTATIVELY, TO NOVEMBER 13-14 DATES.
FURTHER GUIDANCE ON THIS MEETING WILL BE SENT SOON.

C. ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION. YOU MAY INFORM GOI THAT WE ACCEPT, TENTATIVELY, NOVEMBER 17-18 DATES AND THAT UNDER SECRETARY COOPER WILL CHAIR USG SIDE.

D. VISIT BY SECRETARY OF COMMERCE. AS REPORTED STATE 160172, SECRETARY KREPS TOLD DESAI SHE TENTATIVELY PLANNED TO VISIT INDIA NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 1 AND DESAI WELCOMED THE VISIT AT THAT TIME. PLEASE CONSULT WITH GOI ON VISIT AND SUBMIT A PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR SECRETARY KREPS TO CONSIDER.

2. WE ARE AWARE OF GOI'S PROPOSAL FOR A NOV. 9-10 SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MEETING. WE ARE NOT PRESENTLY IN A POSITION TO RESPOND TO THIS. WE ALSO REALIZE THAT WE SHOULD PRESENT A PROPOSAL FOR THE CHRISTOPHER-MEHTA MEETING, EITHER HERE OR IN DELHI. WHILE NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE ON THIS, WE WILL CERTAINLY AVOID ANY MEETING IN DELHI IN NOVEMBER. CHRISTOPHER

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